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AUTHOR'S FOREWORD

The essay which gives its title to this little book was prepared as a paper to be read before the Ministerial Association of my home city. The other two studies have been adapted from sermons preached to my people in the course of my regular ministry. There is no need to tell the observing reader that none of these pages were written with any thought that they might ever appear in the semi-permanent form in which he here finds them. Their appearance is wholly due to the efforts of Mr. Harold Marshall, the presiding genius of the Murray Press, a brother for whom I feel very much admiration and love; he insisted on gathering my fugitive pages into a volume at a time when the pressure of work made it impossible to recast them in more appropriate form. My sole justification for giving so imperfect a little book to the public is the hope that it may lead some kindred spirit to seek a closer walk with that little band of God-intoxicated spirits who hold in their hands today, as ever before, the destinies of religion.

The discerning reader will have found that my study of "The Secret Place of the Most High" was written under the immediate inspiration of Dr. James Martineau's masterly sermons on "The Sphere of Silence." There is no need that at this late day any one should undertake to pay a tribute to that transcendent pulpit genius whom Gladstone described as

"the greatest English thinker of his generation," nevertheless I desire that this present little book shall be accepted as an offering to his holy memory.

I am at a loss to understand now why I did not include among the books recommended on Mysticism the incomparable volumes written by my friend and colleague, Dr. Joseph Fort Newton. His seven volumes of sermons, his little study on "What the Saints Have to Teach Us," his "Wesley and Woolman," and, above all, his "Eternal Christ," are among the most beautiful and most richly rewarding utterances that I have ever read.

Waterloo, Iowa, October 1, 1917.